(a) whether CBSE has taken any steps to encourage Sanskrit students to improve their Sanskrit language skills;

(b) the steps taken to encourage Sanskrit teachers to improve their communicative skills in Sanskrit;

(c) the steps taken to encourage schools to create congenial atmosphere for Sanskrit; and

(d) the steps taken to encourage new experiments in Sanskrit language teaching?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has taken following steps to encourage learning of Sanskrit language:

1. The Communicative Language Teaching was introduced in Classes IX & X in 1999-2000.

2. CBSE has brought out textbooks and workbooks from class VI to XII.

3. Support material like audio cassettes (Dhvani Mudrika) for Class IX has been prepared.

4. CBSE has conducted teachers training programmes and seminars across the country to orient the teachers in the communicative approach to teaching Sanskrit.

5. CBSE has brought out a Shikshan Sandarshika (Teachers Book) and Manika Darpan (Resource Manual) for training Teachers.

(c) School affiliated to CBSE conduct various activities such as debate, declamation, essay writing to promote Sanskrit.

(d) CBSE has recently introduced the concept of formative tests in classes IX and X involving communication, interaction and other forms of verbal presentation which help improve the communication skill of the students.

Modernization of Sanskrit Pathshalas

2531. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:
SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:
MISS ANUSUIYA UIKEY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the programmes which have been taken up to modernize traditional Sanskrit Pathshalas under Central Plan Scheme for the development of Sanskrit;

(b) whether computer training facilities have been provided to these Pathshalas; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) The Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan (RSkS), a Deemed University, implements a Scheme for the Development of Sanskrit Education which also provides for financial assistance for teachers for modern subjects in Traditional Sanskrit Pathasalas/Mahavidyalayas. Under this Scheme, financial assistance, for appointment of a maximum of three teachers in modern subjects, for purchase of computer and honorarium for a part time computer teacher are provided to the Traditional Sanskrit Pathasalas/Mahavidyalayas. Computer training facilities are also provided in all the campuses of Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan and also in Adarsh Sanskrit Mahavidyalayas and Shodh Sansthans.

Appointment of Vice-Chairman of LBSRSV, New Delhi

2532. SHRI M.P. ACHUTHAN:
SHRI D. RAJA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether term of present Vice-Chancellor of Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeth, New Delhi has expired on 14th November, 2009 after fifteen years of service *i.e.* three terms;

(b) if so, the steps being taken for appointment of a new Vice-Chancellor;

(c) whether Government is considering reappointment of same person for fourth term;

(d) if so, whether it is not against UGC Regulation, 2009 which has prescribed under 7.40 (IV) that term of office of Vice-Chancellor shall be five years and there shall not be a reappointment for second term in same university; and

(e) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Prof. Vachaspati Upadhayay has been appointed as Vice Chancellor of Shri Lai Bahadur Shastri Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeth, New Delhi *w.e.f.* 14.11.2009 for a fresh term of five years or till he attains the age of 70 years, whichever is earlier.

(d) and (e) These Regulations are yet in draft form and not approved by UGC.

NASSCOM report about quality of engineering students

2533. SHRI M. P. ACHUTHAN:
SHRI D. RAJA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a study report by NASSCOM, a software industry group, saying that 75 per cent engineering students in India are unemployable;